



U. S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20410-0001

THE SECRETARY

February 24, 2000

Dear Friend:

For the third year, we are pleased to issue a Super Notice Of Funding Availability (SuperNOFA) for HUD's competitive grant programs. Our SuperNOFA approach simplifies the application process, brings consistency and uniformity to the selection process, and enables you to identify a wider variety of HUD programs that can help your community.

The SuperNOFA – a single notice announcing funding for 39 HUD grant programs and program components – gives you a “menu” of those programs and allows you to choose those which can best meet your local needs. By announcing the vast majority of funding opportunities in one document, it also is intended to encourage you to work with other local and regional applicants to better coordinate activities to meet local objectives. HUD's SuperNOFA can help you create a comprehensive and seamless approach to issues and opportunities in your community and throughout your region – and this year we also are announcing the availability of Section 8 Housing Voucher Assistance for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

This has been an outstanding year for the Department. Fiscal Year 2000's budget is the best in a decade, with increased funding for virtually every program. Our programs offer opportunity and security for those who are often left behind – including 60,000 new vouchers for citizens in our most distressed communities, the elderly, and homeless individuals and families. For FY 2001, President Clinton has proposed a \$6 billion increase in HUD's budget, to \$32.1 billion – the strongest HUD budget in more than 20 years, with increases in every program area.

We look forward to working with you to help you create communities of opportunity: with housing, economic development, citizen-empowerment and self-sufficiency for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "Andrew Cuomo", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Andrew Cuomo